GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1244
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INDIAN TRADE DELEGATION TO SOUTH EASTERN ASIAN COUNTRIES CONFERENCE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian Trade Delegation with representatives from the North - Eastern region, was sent to attend the international conference of the South - Eastern Asian countries held in February this year under the Kunming initiative in Dhaka;

(b) if so, which countries were represented therein;

(c) whether the need to develop the North-Eastern region, particularly Assam, as the business hub-centre of South Asian countries was considered at the meeting;

(d) if so, the decision taken therein, in this regard; and

(e) the steps since taken in pursuance thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a)Yes Sir. The 3rd regional conference on regional cooperation among Bangladesh, China, India and Myanmar which is also referred to as the Bangladesh China India MyanmarConference or Kunming Initiative was held at Dhaka on February 6-7, 2002. The Indian delegation included Shri Prodhyut Bordoloi, Minister of State for Finance & Home Government of Assam and Dr. Arun Kumar Sarma, MP from Assam.

(b) Bangladesh, China , India and Myanmar.

(c) No, Sir. However, Hon`ble Minister of State for Finance and Home Government of Assam raised the issue relating to the viability of the use of some roads running in North East India for linkages between countries referred to above.

(d) & (e) No decision was taken in this regard, after discussions.